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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH GOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH RANGEL
AMENDMENT TO S. 2230

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1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED TEXT OF RANGEL AMENDMENT TO S. 2230 WITH OBJECTIVE OF ASCERTAINING MOST EFFECTIVE WAY THIS EMBASSY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH IT. THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE USG AND THE GOT ON "EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PREVENTING THE DIVERSION OF OPIUM POPPIES INTO ILLICIT CHANNELS" GOES BACK MANY YEARS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE NOTE FROM THE LATE AMBASSADOR GREW'S MEMORIES THAT HE TOOK THE OCCASION OF HIS FAREWELL CALLS IN ANKARA IN 1932 TO IMPRESS UPON THE TURKS THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROLS OVER POPPY PRODUCTION. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, WE FACE PROBLEM OF ASCERTAINING AND CARRYING OUT CONGRESSIONAL INTENT BEHIND THE PHRASE "INITIATE DISCUSSIONS".

2. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT THROUGHOUT 60-DAY PERIOD ENVISAGED BY
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RANGEL AMENDMENT, THIS EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM CONTINUE ITS

TURKISH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND INTERESTED UN AGENCIES, AS WELL AS THE REGULAR SPOT REPORTING OF DEVELOPMENTS. AT SOME POINT DURING THE 60-DAY PERIOD, AFTER THE PRE-ELECTION FUROR IN TURKEY OVER RANGEL AMENDMENT HAS HAD A CHANCE TO DIE DOWN, AND BEARING IN MIND OUR OTHER TWO MAJOR OBJECTIVES: (A) TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ON CYPRUS, AND (B) RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES AT OUR INTELLIGENCE INSTALLATIONS, I WOULD RAISE SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND EXPRESS OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN GOT'S MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING ITS PRESENT CONTROL SYSTEM. THIS DISCUSSION COULD GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF TURKISH CONTROLS:

A. ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS YEAR'S CONTROL PROGRAM.

B. PLANNING FOR IMPROVED EFFECTIVENESS AND COVERAGE OF THE CONTROL PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS TO JANDARMA'S PARTICIPATION.

C. DISPOSITION OF THIS YEAR'S POPPY CROP, INCLUDING DIFFICULTIES IN MARKETING IT.

D. PROSPECTS FOR EARLY ACTION TO BUILD AN ALKALOID PROCESSING PLANT IN TURKEY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THIS APPROACH. THIS EMBASSY IS ALSO PREPARED TO SUGGEST SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS SHOULD THIS BE DESIRED.
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